<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>:

Please amend Claims 1, 5, 7, 11, 13, and 14, and add new Claims 16 to 24, as shown below.

1.    (Currently Amended) A non-contact communication card comprising:

a communication component which communicates information in a non-contact state;

a time designation component which designates a communication permission time <u>period</u>, the communication permission time <u>period</u> being set by a user of the card; and

a communication control component which determines, upon receiving a communication request, whether or not <u>the current time at which the communication request is received is within</u> the communication permission time <u>period</u> designated by said time designation component ~~has been reached~~, permits communication by said communication component when determining that <u>the current time is within</u> the <u>communication</u> permission time <u>period</u> ~~has been reached~~, and prohibits communication by said communication component when determining that <u>the current time is not within</u> the <u>communication</u> permission time <u>period</u> ~~has not been reached~~.

2.    (Previously Presented) The card according to claim 1, wherein the card further comprises a designation component which designates permission/prohibition of communication, the permission/prohibition of communication being set by the user, and

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said communication control component further prohibits communication by said communication component if prohibition of communication is designated by said designation component.

3. (Previously Presented) The card according to claim 1, further comprising a recording component which records log information of communication performed by said communication component.

4. (Original) The card according to claim 1, further comprising a display component which displays information communicated by said communication component.

5. (Currently Amended) A non-contact communication card comprising:

a communication component which communicates information in a non-contact state;

a designation component which designates permission/prohibition of communication, the permission/prohibition of communication being set by a user of the card; and

a communication control component which prohibits communication of highly confidential information by said communication component and permits communication of information with low confidentiality by said communication component when prohibition of communication is designated by said designation component.

6.    (Previously Presented) The card according to claim 5, further

comprising:

a recording component which records log information of communication

performed by said communication component; and

a display component which displays the log information recorded by said

recording component.


7.    (Currently Amended) A method of controlling a non-contact

communication apparatus which has a communication component which communicates

information in a non-contact state, comprising:

a time designation step of designating a communication permission time

period, the communication permission time period being set by a user of the

communication apparatus; and

a communication control step of determining, upon receiving a

communication request, whether or not the current time at which the communication

request is received is within the communication permission time period designated in the

time designation step has been reached, permitting communication by the communication

component when determining that the current time is within the communication permission

time period has been reached, and prohibiting communication by the communication

component when determining that the current time is not within the communication

permission time period has not been reached.

8. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 7, wherein the non-contact communication apparatus further comprises a designation component which designates permission/prohibition of communication, the permission/prohibition of communication being set by the user, and in the communication control step, communication by the communication component is further prohibited if prohibition of communication is designated by the designation component.

9. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 7, further comprising a recording step of recording log information of communication performed by the communication component.

10. (Original) The method according to claim 7, further comprising a display step of displaying information communicated by the communication component.

11. (Currently Amended) A control method for a non-contact communication apparatus which has a communication component which communicates information in a non-contact state, and a designation component which designates permission/prohibition of communication, the permission/prohibition of communication being set by a user of the communication apparatus, comprising

a communication control step of prohibiting communication of highly confidential information by the communication component and permitting communication of information with low confidentiality by the communication component when prohibition of communication is designated by the designation component.

12. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 11, further comprising:

a recording step of recording log information of communication performed by the communication component; and

a display step of displaying the log information recorded in the recording step.

13. (Currently Amended) A computer program for controlling a non-contact communication apparatus which has a communication component which communicates information in a non-contact state, the program causing a computer to execute:

a time designation step of designating a communication permission time period, the communication permission time period being set by a user of the communication apparatus; and

a communication control step of determining, upon receiving a communication request, whether or not the current time at which the communication request is received is within the communication permission time period designated in the time designation step has been reached, permitting communication by the communication component when determining that the current time is within the communication permission time period has been reached, and prohibiting communication by the communication component when determining that the current time is not within the communication permission time period has not been reached.

14. (Currently Amended) A computer program for controlling a non-contact communication apparatus which has a communication component which communicates information in a non-contact state, and a designation component which designates permission/prohibition of communication, the permission/prohibition of communication being set by a user of the communication apparatus, the program causing a computer to execute

a communication control step of prohibiting communication <u>of highly confidential information by the communication component and permitting communication of information with low confidentiality</u> by the communication component when prohibition of communication is designated by the designation component.


15. (Previously Presented) The computer program according to claim 14, the program further causing the computer to execute:

a recording step of recording log information of communication performed by the communication component; and

a display step of displaying the log information recorded in the recording step.


16. (New) The card according to claim 1, wherein the user sets the communication permission time period by setting a start time at which communication by said communication component is permitted and an end time at which communication by said communication component is no longer permitted.

17.   (New)  The card according to claim 1, wherein the user sets the communication permission time period by setting a valid time at which communication by said communication component is permitted and by setting a width of time before and after the valid time, during which communication by said communication component is permitted.

18.   (New)  The card according to claim 1, wherein the user sets the communication permission time period by setting a start time at which communication by said communication component is permitted and by setting a width of time after the start time, during which communication by said communication component is permitted.

19.   (New)  The method according to claim 7, wherein the user sets the communication permission time period by setting a start time at which communication by the communication component is permitted and an end time at which communication by the communication component is no longer permitted.

20.   (New)  The method according to claim 7, wherein the user sets the communication permission time period by setting a valid time at which communication by the communication component is permitted and by setting a width of time before and after the valid time, during which communication by the communication component is permitted.

21.     (New) The method according to claim 7, wherein the user sets the communication permission time period by setting a start time at which communication by the communication component is permitted and by setting a width of time after the start time, during which communication by the communication component is permitted.

22.     (New) The computer program according to claim 13, wherein the user sets the communication permission time period by setting a start time at which communication by the communication component is permitted and an end time at which communication by the communication component is no longer permitted.

23.     (New) The computer program according to claim 13, wherein the user sets the communication permission time period by setting a valid time at which communication by the communication component is permitted and by setting a width of time before and after the valid time, during which communication by the communication component is permitted.

24.     (New) The computer program according to claim 13, wherein the user sets the communication permission time period by setting a start time at which communication by the communication component is permitted and by setting a width of time after the start time, during which communication by the communication component is permitted.